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LETTERS AND CERTIFICATES

FROM

SCHOOL AUTHORITIES, ETC.

From the Board of Trustees, Central School, Oshawa.

OSHAWA, 23rd December, 1856.

We hereby certify that J. A. McLellan has been employed by us as Principal of the Oshawa Central School, and has discharged the important duties of that position with credit to himself, and to our entire satisfaction. We have great pleasure in thus expressing our approbation of his services, and we have no hesitation in recommending him to Boards of Trustees as a teacher possessing both tact and ability.

DAVID SPAULDING, *Chairman,*

EDWARD DUNN, *Secretary,*

WM. MCGILL, M. D.,

JOHN BRITON,

Board of School Trustees, Oshawa C. School, C. W.

NORMAL SCHOOL CERTIFICATE.

NORMAL SCHOOL FOR UPPER CANADA.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that James A. McLellan, having attended the Normal School during the eighteenth session, 1857, and having been carefully examined in the several branches taught therein, is hereby recommended to the CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION as eligible to receive a FIRST CLASS CERTIFICATE (A) OF QUALIFICATION as a Common School Teacher in Upper Canada, according to the "Programme of Examination and Classification of Common School Teachers," adopted by the Council of Public Instruction on the third day of October, 1850.

THOS. J. ROBERTSON, M.A., *Head Master.*

W. ORMISTON, M. A., *Second Master.*

In accordance with the foregoing recommendation, and under the authority vested in the Chief Superintendent of Education by the 44th Section of the Upper Canada School Act of 1850 (13th and 14th Victoria, Chap. 48), *I do hereby grant* to James Alexander McLellan a First Class Certificate of Qualification (A), which certificate shall be valid in any part of Upper Canada, until revoked by this Department.

Dated at the Education Office, Toronto, this fifteenth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven.

J. GEORGE HODGINS,

Deputy Supt. of Education for U. C.

Registered in Certificate Register (A) of the Department, Number 448.

THOMAS HODGINS, *Registrar.*

From the Board of Trustees, Town of St. Mary's, Canada West.

20th September, 1860.

We, the undersigned Trustees of the St. Mary's School, hereby certify that Mr. James A. McLellan has been employed by us as Principal of the Central School during the past two years, and has now resigned his position much to the regret of the Trustees and community of St. Mary's. We have great pleasure in stating that Mr. McLellan has been all we could wish as a teacher. The Normal School system—of which Mr. McLellan is a faithful exponent—has been thoroughly carried out and its efficiency satisfactorily tested in the various departments of the Central School; and the proficiency of the pupils under his own supervision, in the higher subjects of study, bears ample testimony to Mr. McLellan's sound scholarship and excellency as a teacher. Should Mr. McLellan, after completing his University course, wish to return to St. Mary's, we have no hesitation in saying that his return would be hailed with pleasure, not only by the Board of Trustees, but by a large majority of the inhabitants of St. Mary's.

JOSHUA BRINK, *Chairman,*
WALTER MITCHELL, *Secretary,*

GEO. MCINTYRE,

ROBERT FLAWS,

DANIEL McDUGALL,

B. S. T., St. Mary's, C. W.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL CERTIFICATE.

(UPPER CANADA.)

COMMITTEE ROOM, Jan. 9, 1862.

We certify that we have examined J. A. McLellan in the programme prescribed by the Council of Public Instruction, for candidate for Grammar School teacher, and we hereby license the said J. A. McLellan to teach in any Grammar School in Canada.

Signed on behalf of the Committee of Examiners,

T. J. ROBERTSON, M.A.,

*Chairman of Committee of Examiners of Candidates
for Grammar School Certificates.*

*From the Rev. William Caven, now Professor of Exegetical Divinity,
Knox College, Toronto.*

I have great pleasure in bearing most favorable testimony to the qualifications and success of J. A. McLellan as a teacher. He has taught in St. Mary's for several years—*first* as Principal of the Central School, and *afterwards* as Principal of the Union School, and Head Master of the Grammar School.

Regarding Mr. McLellan's competency, so far as scholarship is concerned, it is unnecessary for me to say anything; *this* is sufficiently attested by his high standing in the University of Toronto, of which he is a distinguished graduate. I may be permitted, however, to refer to the great energy which characterizes his teaching, to his tact, and to the interest which he has always manifested in the progress of his pupils. The success which has attended Mr. McLellan's labours in this place is very conspicuous, and fully acknowledged by all. Many of his scholars are now teaching around St. Mary's, and two of them in St. Mary's Central School, and their remarkable success is certainly not the least flattering of Mr. McLellan's testimonials. It should also be stated, that a taste for the higher branches of an English education, and especially for Mathematics and English, according to the more thorough methods on which they are now taught in our best schools, has been very much diffused among the young of this place, by means of the enthusiasm in study which Mr. McLellan has succeeded in awakening in the St. Mary's schools.

WM. CAVEN,

Supt. of Schools, St. Mary's.

St. MARY'S, C. W., July 30th, 1863.

From the St. Mary's Argus, Sept. 29, 1864.

MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES.—A Committee, consisting of Messrs. Robertson, McFadden, Barbour, and Whimster, was appointed to draw up a document, expressive of the high opinion the Board entertains of Mr. McLellan's ability as a Grammar School Teacher, and the regret they feel in parting with him—the same to be signed by the chairman. The following is the document referred to, and which has been handed to us for publication :—"This is to certify that James A. McLellan, Esq., M. A., has held the position of teacher in our town during the greater part of the last six years ; and since the establishment of our Grammar School in 1861, he has been Grammar School Master and Principal of our Union School, during which time he has given the utmost satisfaction. Although the high standing which our school has attained under his management, of itself speaks volumes as to his eminent ability as an instructor of youth, we would add that he is not only highly popular here, but through this section of Western Canada is held in high estimation by all those who watch with interest the educational advancement of this Province. We need hardly state that it is with the greatest reluctance we part with Mr. McLellan. He carries with him our highest esteem and sincere well wishes. We hope he may long be spared in his sphere of usefulness, and that the eminent success which has hitherto characterized his labors may attend him in whatever situation it may please Divine Providence to place him."

D. A. ROBERTSON, *Chairman.*

TESTIMONIALS

FROM

PROVINCIAL NORMAL SCHOOL, TORONTO.

From Rev. E. Ryerson, D.D. LL.D. Chief Superintendent of Education for Upper Canada.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION FOR UPPER CANADA,
EDUCATION OFFICE, TORONTO, 14th September, 1864.

J. A. McLellan, Esq., M.A., Toronto University, after being four years a teacher, entered the Normal School of Upper Canada seven years ago, and obtained a Provincial Certificate (A) of the First Class. He afterwards entered the Toronto University, where he obtained a Scholarship and graduated with high honors. He has since been Principal of one of the County Grammar Schools, the duties of which he has discharged with great faithfulness and ability. He has ever sustained a blameless character; and I regard him as one of the ablest and most meritorious instructors of youth in Upper Canada.

E. RYERSON,

Chief Superintendent of Education for Upper Canada.

From T. J. Robertson, Esq., M.A., Principal Upper Canada Normal School.

This is to certify that James A. McLellan, M.A., at present Principal of the St. Mary's Grammar School, attended the Normal School for Upper Canada, and obtained the highest certificate the Institution could award. During his attendance on lectures, Mr. McLellan exhibited great assiduity, zeal and ability as a student, and in every respect merited my warmest approbation. Mr. McLellan has since been engaged for several years past in the profession of teaching, and has throughout been very successful, manifesting, invariably, earnest zeal

and great efficiency, and always obtained the fullest confidence of his employers. Since leaving this Institution, he has graduated in the University of Toronto, and taken his degree of Master of Arts; he has also obtained many honors and scholarships in various branches, and completed his course with great credit to himself. On a former occasion I certified that Mr. McLellan *was one of the fittest persons that could be selected for Superintendent of Schools*, and on another occasion I wrote to the trustees of a Grammar School that *they could not by any possibility make a better selection in every respect than Mr. McLellan, and that was the highest recommendation in my power to give*. Mr. McLellan's subsequent career has more than justified the very high opinion I then formed of him.

THOS. J. ROBERTSON, M.A.,

Principal Normal and Model Schools for Upper Canada.

FEBRUARY 16, 1864.

From the Rev. Wm. Ormiston, D.D., late Inspector of Grammar Schools for U. C.

HAMILTON, Jan, 23, 1864.

J. A. McLellan, M.A., Teacher, attained a very high standing as a student of the Provincial Normal School, of which I was at that time one of the Masters, and he has since been one of our most successful teachers. When last, as Inspector, I visited the St. Mary's Grammar School, in 1862, of which he was then Head Master, I was very highly pleased with the order and activity everywhere manifested, and with the progress and proficiency of the scholars during the year.

Mr. McLellan is, in my opinion, well qualified, by *natural endowments, scholastic attainments, and personal experience*, efficiently to conduct any Grammar School in the Province, and his character, so far as known to me, is above reproach. I can most heartily commend him to any Board of Trustees who may require his services; and most heartily do I wish him success in the profession to which he has devoted himself, and for which he seems so admirably adapted.

WM. ORMISTON.

From J. H. Sangster, M.A., M.D., Professor of Mathematics and Natural Sciences in the Normal School for U. C.

I have been for several years past acquainted with J. A. McLellan, M.A., and have been led, from my knowledge of his success and ability

as a teacher and disciplinarian, to form a very high estimate of him as an instructor. He is, moreover, possessed of high scholastic attainments, and has the requisite *tact and experience* in the management of schools, together with an amount of energy and indomitable perseverance such as to secure the most perfect success. I can confidently recommend Mr. McLellan for the Mastership of any Grammar School in Canada. He has given evidence of his thoroughness and efficiency in St. Mary's and elsewhere.

JOHN H. SANGSTER, M.A., M.D.,

Prof. Math. and Nat. Sciences, Normal School, U. C

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PROFESSORS, &c., UNIVERSITY, TORONTO.

From Thos. Moss, Esq., M.A., Registrar, University, Toronto.

UNIVERSITY, TORONTO.

MY DEAR SIR,—It has given me great pleasure to learn that you have been appointed Principal of so important an institution as the Yarmouth Seminary. I look upon your appointment as a compliment to the University itself. Without desiring to flatter you, however, I may say that I believe it would have been difficult to select from the whole body of our graduates one better qualified for the position than yourself. I have been glancing through the class lists of the University with an eye to your performances; and I find that in every year of your undergraduate course you took high honors in different subjects, especially mathematics. At the final examination for the degree of B.A., you obtained two medals, one being in mathematics, and the other in logic, ethics, metaphysics, and civil polity, and that, too, although you graduated in a year when the competition was exceedingly keen. When you took your M.A. degree, your Thesis was adjudged worthy of a prize,—an honor made all the more distinguished by the fact that at the time only two other persons had ever received it since the establishment of the University. I find also in our class-lists, evidences of your success as a teacher; for at the last Matriculation Examination in Arts, two candidates trained by you obtained *first-class honors* in *classics* and *mathematics* respectively. I make no doubt that a similar, and, indeed, a more abundant measure of success will attend your efforts in the more enlarged sphere to which you have been called in the sister province; and I assure you that it will always give me sincere pleasure to hear of your continued prosperity.

Yours truly,

THOMAS MOSS, *Registrar.*

J. A. McLELLAN, M.A., Yarmouth, N.S.

*From the Rev. John McCaul, LL.D., T.C.D., President and Prof.
Classical Literature, University College, Toronto.*

I hereby certify that J. A. McLellan, M.A., was for some time a student of University College, whilst he was proceeding to the degree of Bachelor of Arts. During that time he applied himself with remarkable diligence to all the prescribed subjects of study; and his proficiency in Mathematics, and Metaphysics and Ethics, was such that he was placed, at the University examination for B.A., in the *First Class of Honours* in each of those departments, whilst he was at the same time ranked in a similar distinguished position in English Literature, History, Logic and Civil Polity. His qualifications as a teacher are very superior; for, in addition to his varied attainments, the extent and accuracy of which are attested by the high Academic distinctions which he obtained, he has great experience in instruction and in the management of schools. From my knowledge of his character, I am persuaded that he will conscientiously discharge any duty which he may undertake.

JOHN McCAUL, *President.*

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, Toronto, Jan. 23, 1864.

From J. B. Cherriman, M. A., late Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge, and Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy in Toronto University.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, TORONTO, 31st December, 1863.

J. A. McLellan, M. A., graduated in the University of Toronto in 1862, and in the examinations then held was placed in the **FIRST CLASS OF HONOR** in the two departments of Mathematics and Metaphysics, and Ethics with Civil Polity, carrying off a medal in each, a distinction which had been only *twice* before obtained since the establishment of the University; and the value of this distinction is, in my opinion, much enhanced by the fact, that throughout his University course Mr. McLellan was almost constantly engaged in the laborious occupation of Master of a Grammar School. I was an examiner at the University examinations at which Mr. McLellan presented himself, and in which he always gained his *first class* in Mathematics, on three occasions obtaining a University Scholarship. Mr. McLellan also attended my classes in University College during part of his course, so that I had ample opportunities of forming an opinion of his character and abilities, and I have pleasure in stating that this opinion is in the highest degree favorable. I consider him to possess great Mathematical power, and to have cultivated it with very commendable industry and

perseverance. I noted him also as being not only a successful student, but an *original* and *independent thinker*, with no small facility of expression. In other respects, his character commanded my admiration and esteem; for, in addition to his *moral worth*, he possesses that *energy* and *authority* which are essential to the formation of a first rate teacher; and I have had reason to know that his success as a teacher has justified my estimate, as one of his students took a first class in Mathematics as B. A., this year. I may further state, that, at the time it was in contemplation to appoint a Mathematical Tutor in University College, I had fixed on Mr. McLellan to occupy this position. I can with the greatest confidence recommend him for the mastership of any school he may desire to obtain.

J. B. CHERRIMAN, M. A.,
*Late Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge; Prof.
 of Nat. Phil. University College, Toronto.*

*From Rev. James Beavan, D.D., (Oxon.,) Professor of Metaphysics,
 Ethics, and Civil Polity, Univ. Coll., Toronto.*

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, 4th Aug., 1864.

MY DEAR SIR,—It gives me great pleasure to state, for the information of any person whom it may concern, that you attended my lectures in Ethics, Metaphysics, &c., during the whole of the session 1861-2; and, at your final examination before the University, besides the other honours you obtained, you gained *first class honours*, entitling you to a *medal* in Logic, Ethics, Metaphysics and Civil Polity. Any person acquainted with these subjects, and with the books required by the University to be read in order to obtain this medal, and with the nature of the examination itself, will be sensible that the study of the works required a previous preparation, which must have enlarged and strengthened the mind, besides an amount of application and thought in preparing for the examination itself, which will add to these effects, and which, especially, when united with the other subjects in which you obtained honours, would tend to render the person who has pursued this course of study a man of superior information, and a highly qualified instructor. With my best wishes for your success in the arduous profession of teaching.

I remain, dear sir,

Yours faithfully,

JAMES BEAVAN, D.D.,
*Professor of Metaphysics, Ethics, and Civ. Pol.
 Univ. Coll., Toronto.*

From Daniel Wilson, LL.D., Author of "Pre-Historic Annals of Scotland," "Pre-Historic Man," &c., and Professor of History and English Literature, Univ., Toronto.

I have great pleasure in bearing testimony to Mr. J. A. McLellan's assiduity and zeal, as a student in my department, while attending the lectures of University College.

I feel assured, from what I saw of him during his undergraduate course, that he will prove an *efficient* teacher wherever he may be appointed.

DAN. WILSON,

Professor of History and Eng. Lit.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE,
TORONTO, Feb. 13, 1864.

From W. G. Falconbridge, B.A., Gold Medallist in Modern Languages, University, Toronto, and Lecturer in Modern Languages, University College, Toronto.

Mr. J. A. McLellan, M.A., is one of the best scholars in French and German that I have ever known.

To an extensive and varied course of reading and a practical acquaintance with the colloquialisms of these languages, he adds a more scientific knowledge of the genius of both tongues than is commonly to be met with, even among the best educated natives of France or Germany.

W. G. FALCONBRIDGE, B.A.,

Lecturer on Modern Languages, University College, Toronto.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE,
TORONTO, Dec. 15, 1868.

From L. W. Smith, D.C.L., &c.

SUMMERHILL, 18th July, 1871.

MY DEAR SIR,—In reply to your note of this date, I have much pleasure in adding my testimony to the very satisfactory manner in which you discharged your duties as a Master whilst at U. C. College. I may say, as a member of the U. C. College Committee, that your career in that institution was marked throughout for thorough efficiency in whatever you undertook.

The best proof I can offer as to the value of your services is, that the Principal has selected your successor from your own nomination, believing doubtless that one who has proved himself so capable as you have done is the best qualified to select a person to fill the vacancy.

Wishing you every success in your new sphere of duty.

Believe me,

Yours very truly,

LARRATT W. SMITH.

J. A. McLELLAN, Esq.,
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PRINCIPAL OF YARMOUTH SEMINARY.

From the Rev. George Christie, Moderator of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

I have had the pleasure of acquaintance with James A. McLellan, M. A., for nearly a year, and have found him to be a gentleman of high moral and religious character. He possesses a strong and well-cultivated mind, and is evidently an excellent scholar. Mr. McLellan is a graduate of Toronto University; and I find that he has carried off more than an ordinary share of the Honors bestowed by his *alma mater* on her most distinguished sons. Metaphysics, Ethics, and Civil Polity, as well as Classics, Mathematics, &c., are the subjects specified in such testimonials. I have attended all the public examinations of the Seminary over which he presides, and I have invariably been delighted with the thoroughness and accuracy that mark his mode of instruction. The progress of the pupils under his immediate charge, will, I believe, bear very favorable comparison with that of students in any of the Colleges in this Province. I have also been present several times, when his classes were engaged in their ordinary studies, and receiving the benefit of his training in Classics, Mathematics, English History, the principles of English Grammar, &c.; and on these occasions also, I have had the most pleasing evidence that his own knowledge of the subjects under consideration was most thorough, while his mode of teaching was careful, and well suited to lead the students from first principles to the possession of a thorough knowledge of the branches of study in which they were engaged. No intermediate steps were passed over carelessly or without notice, and no first principles were so neglected as to leave the students ignorant of the process by which they were conducted to ultimate conclusions. As Principal of the Yarmouth Seminary, Mr. McLellan has charge of the general management of the

whole institution,—containing nearly four hundred scholars, under ten different teachers. And in the arrangement and management of the whole, he has displayed rare administrative ability ; all is regular and orderly, and as quiet and decorous as it seems possible that a school so extensive could possibly be kept.

GEORGE CHRISTIE,

Pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Yarmouth.

YARMOUTH, N. S., July 31st, 1865.

From the Rev. G. E. Day, D.D., Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Yarmouth, N.S., and Examiner in Yarmouth Seminary.

For nearly three years I had the privilege of visiting the Yarmouth Seminary when it was under the care of J. A. McLellan, Esq., and of participating in its public examinations. On several occasions I assisted in examining classes in Cæsar, Virgil, Livy, Cicero, Horace and Juvenal; in Xenophon, Homer, Lucian, Euripides and Sophocles; in Mathematics, Logic and Modern Languages. From a comparison of these examinations with those of several High Schools and Colleges in these Lower Provinces and in the United States that I had witnessed, I judged most favourably of the teacher. The classes in Latin and Greek showed that they had received a very thorough drill, and led me to the decided conclusion that Mr. McLellan was a classical scholar of a very high order, and a teacher of rare ability. And it is my firm belief that he will prove a very valuable acquisition to any institution of learning that may secure his services.

G. E. DAY.

YARMOUTH, N.S., April 14, 1871.

From J. G. Farish, M.D., M.R.C.S.L., Inspector of Schools, Co. Yarmouth, N.S.

YARMOUTH, N.S., 14th April, 1871.

It gives me great pleasure to bear my testimony to the very favourable opinion I entertain of the ability of J. A. McLellan Esq., as a classical and mathematical teacher. I form this opinion chiefly from the advancement my son made in his studies during the four years he attended the High School of this town, presided over by Mr. McLellan. During that period he read Homer, Xenophon, Demosthenes, in Greek ; and Virgil, Livy, Cicero and Juvenal in Latin; and obtained a fair knowledge of Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, and Natural Philosophy.

Immediately on leaving the High School he entered the *second year* at McGill University, by which I judge of the thoroughness of the teaching he had received under Mr. McLellan.

J. G. FARISH,

Inspector of Schools for County of Yarmouth.

From the Rev. J. R. Hart, M.A.,

YARMOUTH, 15th April, 1871.

From frequent opportunities of judging, I formed a high opinion of Mr. McLellan's scholarship; the results he accomplished in Mathematics, and in the Greek and Latin Classics, gave *great and universal satisfaction*. I witnessed most satisfactory examinations of classes in Horace, Cicero, Juvenal, Homer, Lucian, Euripides. I remember being particularly struck in his examination of an advanced class in German, with the correctness of his accent and his thorough acquaintance with the structure of the language.

J. R. HART.

From J. E. Vochel-McKenzie, formerly Prof. French and German, Yarmouth Seminary; now Professor Modern Languages, Univ. King's College, N. S.

I hereby certify that J. A. McLellan, M.A., Principal of Yarmouth Seminary, has extended his knowledge of the German and French languages under my tuition with very great success.

His talents and power of application are particularly adapted to the learning of languages, and his knowledge of French and German is both accurate and extensive. I have no hesitation in recommending him to any position where a thorough knowledge of French and German is required.

J. E. VOCHEL-MCKENZIE,

Prof. French and German, Yarmouth Seminary.

YARMOUTH SEMINARY, 29th May, 1869.

From the Rev. George Christie, Pastor Presbyterian Church, Yarmouth, and Examiner in Yarmouth Seminary.

YARMOUTH, N.S., 12th April, 1871.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Mr. J. A. McLellan, M.A., was the Principal of the Collegiate School in Yarmouth, known as the Yarmouth Seminary, some four or five years. As a teacher he was very successful, and so far as I know

gave general satisfaction. I attended nearly all the public examinations, and was frequently present on other occasions, so that I had abundant opportunity of acquainting myself with the mode of instruction pursued by the Principal. I heard the pupils read portions of Virgil, Horace, Livy, Cicero, Tacitus, Juvenal, Xenophon, Homer, Demosthenes, Lucian, Sophocles, Euripides, and occasionally made out examination papers to test their proficiency. As the result I became satisfied that Mr. McLellan is a good scholar and a competent teacher. During the time already indicated, I had two sons attending the seminary, one of whom I sent to "Dalhousie University," Halifax, N.S. He entered that University as a "second-year student," and graduated in *three* years along with the regular "*four* year students" of that University, taking rank in the examinations with the best of them. The other is now at Toronto University; he also entered as a second year student.

GEO. CHRISTIE,
Pastor Presbyterian Church, Yarmouth.

From J. Thorburn, M.A., Principal High School, Ottawa; late Principal and Professor of Classics, St. Francis College, Richmond.

OTTAWA, April 5th, 1871.

MY DEAR SIR,—It affords me much pleasure to state that, on several occasions, I was present at the annual examinations of the Yarmouth Seminary while under your charge, and that I was uniformly much pleased with the progress and proficiency of the pupils. While specially impressed with the thoroughness of the work in the Mathematical department, I was also highly gratified with the attainments made in Classical studies. The advanced classes in Homer, Lucian, Sophocles, Horace, Ovid and Juvenal, gave evidence of an accurate acquaintance with the authors read; and it was to me always a source of pleasure to witness the ready and intelligent manner in which they answered questions on any point under discussion. I have the means of knowing that your labours in Yarmouth were eminently successful, and that your withdrawal from the Seminary was felt to be a great loss to the cause of education in that part of the Province.

J. THORBURN, M.A.,
Head Master Ottawa High School.

J. A. McLELLAN, M.A.

From the Rev. William Caven, Professor of Exegetics, Knox College, Toronto.

Having been asked by Mr. McLellan to bear testimony to his attainments as a Classical scholar, in view of his application for the office of Inspector of Grammar Schools in Ontario, I have pleasure in making the following statement :—

I knew Mr. McLellan as teacher of the Grammar School in St. Mary's at the time of his becoming a graduate of University College, Toronto, and for some years afterwards ; as long, indeed, as he remained in that school. The fact of his graduating in Toronto may be accepted as evidence of reasonable proficiency in Classical knowledge ; but I can testify that his acquaintance with the Classics, as well as his skill in teaching them, increased so long as he remained in St. Mary's. I have reason to believe that Mr. McLellan has greatly extended his Classical reading and knowledge since he left St. Mary's and during the period of his Principalship of the Academy at Yarmouth, N. S., and of his teaching in Upper Canada College. I know that it was his purpose to bring up his Classical attainments so as to be somewhat alongside his Mathematical, which are well known to be very superior ; and from what he has told me of his studies, and from what I know of the energy and perseverance which characterize him as a student, I have little doubt that this purpose has been largely fulfilled. I am sure I risk nothing in expressing the opinion that, so far as knowledge of Classics is concerned, there need be no hesitation in appointing Mr. McLellan to the office for which he is an applicant.

WM. CAVEN.

TORONTO, 8th April, 1871.

From Rev. Henry Daniel, President Conference E. B. America.

During my residence in Yarmouth, N.S., I had opportunity of knowing the high estimation in which Mr. J. A. McLellan was held as a teacher both of Classics and Mathematics. It was in consequence of his high standing as a scholar and teacher that I placed my son Robert, who had spent a year and a half as an undergraduate of King's College, Windsor, under Mr. McL.'s instruction, with a view to his graduating in the Wesleyan University in Middletown, Ct. With him he read in Latin, Horace, Juvenal, Ovid, Plautus ; and in Greek, Demosthenes, Euripides and Sophocles, with great success. My son has frequently spoken of his old teacher with affection and respect.

HENRY DANIEL.

ST. JOHN, N. B., April 15th, 1871.

From the Rev. J. R. Campbell, M.A., University of Cambridge, England.

YARMOUTH, N.S., 24th April, 1871.

DEAR SIR,—I have much pleasure in complying with your request, although my testimony may carry but little weight. I attended the examinations from time to time, during 1865-1869, while you were Principal of the Yarmouth High School, and I frequently expressed in public my satisfaction with the manner in which the work was done. But the *ordinary* work of the school afforded even more satisfaction than the terminal examinations. In my visits on such occasions, I was accustomed to find your pupils in good discipline and in a proper state of preparation. This applies to all the subjects, Mathematics, Logic, Moral Philosophy and Classics. In this last subject I have witnessed exercises in Homer, Xenophon, Euripides and Demosthenes; and in Cicero, Livy, Horace, Cæsar and Ovid.

With best wishes, I remain,

Yours truly,

JNO. R. CAMPBELL,

Curate of Holy Trinity, Yarmouth, N.S.

J. A. McLELLAN, M.A.

From the Yarmouth Tribune, Aug. 3, 1869.

PRESENTATION TO MR. McLELLAN.—On Friday evening last, we had the pleasure of witnessing one of those agreeable incidents which it is sometimes the privilege of the journalist to record,—we refer to the presentation, by the pupils of the Yarmouth Seminary, of a handsome testimonial to the late Principal of the Institution, J. A. McLellan, Esq., M.A.,—in token of their grateful appreciation of his character and qualifications as an instructor of youth, and of the zeal and conscientiousness with which, acting in that capacity, he discharged the trust reposed in him. The idea originated with the young ladies of the Seminary, and was then carried out with the enthusiasm peculiar to the gentler sex—the young gentlemen being, at a subsequent stage of the movement, accorded the privilege of sharing in the good work. Through their combined efforts an adequate sum was raised, and a suitable testimonial selected and purchased. The ceremony of presentation took place in the Seminary Hall, and was entirely an *impromptu* affair, not having been decided upon until 3 or 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and a hurried and verbal notice only having been given to the contributors. At the appointed hour (7.30 p.m.), nevertheless, the Hall speedily filled with an interested and expectant assemblage, numbering between 250 and 300 souls. On motion, J. W. H. Rowley, Esq., was called to the chair. The Chairman stated, in a few words, that the

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object for which the company had assembled was to witness the presentation, by those who had been scholars of the High School (both young ladies and young gentlemen), of a testimonial to the teacher, J. A. McLellan, Esq., on his departure from Yarmouth, together with an address expressive of the regard and esteem they had always entertained for him during the period in which he had filled the position of Principal. The gallantry of the young gentlemen had induced them to select Miss Almira Crosby to read and present the address, and the fitness of their choice manifested itself in the manner in which the duty was performed, Miss Crosby reading with a clear and distinct utterance.

As Miss Crosby finished the reading of the address, two of the young gentlemen—Messrs. Farish and Bingay—removed the cloth which covered the articles to be presented, and the eyes of the audience were gratified with the sight of a handsome silver service, consisting of tea and coffee pots, sugar-bowl, cream-jugs, butter-cooler, large ice-pitcher, knives, forks, tea-spoons, cruets, &c., &c. Brought to the front, as he necessarily was by the above address (which was signed by a large number of students of the Seminary) and its handsome and substantial accompaniment, Mr. McLellan returned thanks in suitable terms, and had hardly seated himself, when Mr. J. Wentworth Bingay came forward, and in a short address stated that he had been deputed by some of the inhabitants of Yarmouth, who regretted sincerely the intended departure of Mr. McLellan, to present him a purse (containing thirty sovereigns) as a trifling token of their regard for him.

Mr. McLellan having acknowledged in suitable terms, and with evident emotion, this additional and unlooked-for token of appreciation, the company, at the invitation of the Chairman, came upon the platform, and inspected the articles of presentation. All united in admiring the neatness and appropriateness of the gifts; and we feel sure that the recipient must have felt deeply gratified and pleased with these unexpected tokens of regard, as well as the many cordial shakes of the hand with which his many friends congratulated him.

The occasion was one to be remembered with feelings of unalloyed gratification by the parties more immediately concerned—by the pupils, whose sentiments of esteem and gratitude induced them to present their departing teacher with such an acceptable souvenir; by the parents, who thus testified their sense of the zeal and fidelity of him to whom they had entrusted the training of their offspring; and by the conscientious teacher himself, rejoicing, amidst the conflicting emotions attendant on the hour of separation, at the spontaneous expression of affection and regard on the part of his late pupils, and of the community which had been the not ungrateful witness of his self-denying labours.

TESTIMONIALS

FROM

FORMER PUPILS.

From A. C. Killam, Third Year Scholar in Mathematics and General Proficiency, Univ. Toronto.

I attended the Yarmouth (N. S.) Seminary when Mr. McLellan was its Principal, and received instruction from him in Classics, Mathematics, Natural Science, English, Logic, Metaphysics, and occasionally in French and German. I passed the SENIOR MATRICULATION examination in 1869, and was awarded two Scholarships—one in Mathematics, and the other in General Proficiency, having obtained *First Class honours* in Mathematics, English, French and German, and *Second Class honours* in Classics and Natural Science. In the second year I obtained a General Proficiency Scholarship, with *First Class honours* in Mathematics, Logic, English, French, German and History; and was second (another of Mr. McLellan's old pupils being first) in the pass Classical examination, depending wholly on the instruction I had received from Mr. McLellan. I have no hesitation in saying that whatever success has attended my efforts is due wholly to Mr. McLellan's teaching, and his constant endeavours to awaken an enthusiasm for study and a determination to succeed,—for which I trust I shall always be deeply grateful.

A. C. KILLAM,
(Of Yarmouth, N. S.,) Third Year Univ. Coll.

From G. B. Sparling, Principal Gram. and Com. Schools, Yarmouth Seminary, lately appointed Asst. Eng. Master in U. C. College.

At the examination for Matriculation in the University of Toronto in 1864—for which I was prepared wholly by Mr. McLellan—I obtained honours in English and Mathematics, and *First Class honours* in Classics. Shortly after Matriculating, I began the work of teaching;

and I may venture to say that the measure of success which has attended me in that calling is attributable in a great degree to the enthusiasm, energy and ability which my old teacher constantly exhibited in the work of his chosen profession. It is with feelings of the deepest gratitude that I remember his kind encouragement and sympathy, and his all but unrivalled power to lead his pupils to conquer difficulties,—so that while we found “no royal road to learning,” we felt that we were under a guide who “knew the way,” and under whom our progress was as real as it was rapid and pleasant.

G. B. SPARLING,

Principal Gram. and Com. Schools, Yarmouth Seminary.

*From John Alex. Hunter, LL.B., Professor of Constitutional Law,
University of Chicago, Ill.*

LAW DEPARTMENT, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO,
CHICAGO, 9th April, 1871.

J. A. McLELLAN, Esq., M. A.,—

DEAR SIR,—

I have learned, through your friend, J. E. Harding, Esq., Mayor of St. Mary's, that you are about to lay your papers before the Council of Public Instruction in Toronto, in reference to some position at their disposal. If my testimony, added to the many high recommendations in your possession, would be of any service to you, I would willingly and gratefully submit it to the consideration of that Honourable Board.

My studies, both before and after I had the good fortune to study under you at St. Mary's, were such as to put me in a position to express an opinion as to your qualifications as an Instructor in Classics, Mathematics, and English. Your University standing and papers speak for themselves, and your friends, among whom I have the honor of ranking myself, know that, in all subjects, but especially in *Classics*, you did not, as many do, allow the B. A. Degree to put an end to your studies—that after graduating with distinguished honors in Toronto University, you devoted yourself as assiduously and as unremittingly to Classics and Classical Literature as you formerly had done to Mathematics and Metaphysics.

As an Instructor in all the branches of study which you have professed to teach, I have no hesitation in stating that I do not know a man in the *Provinces* or the *United States* who can impart knowledge *more clearly*, or with such a *lasting impression*, in the lowest as well as in the highest branches of study, than yourself; while at the same time you infuse a worthy ambition, and a determination to succeed

into the mind of every student under your charge. I feel, sir, with many others who have had the advantage of your able instruction, that whatever success they may have met with in literary or business pursuits, they owe, in a very *great measure*, to the influence of your instruction and example.

With a sincere hope that you may obtain a position worthy your erudition and talents,

I remain, yours truly,

JOHN ALEX. HUNTER, LL.B.,

Professor Constitutional Law, University, Chicago.

From W. Dale, B.A., Classical Gold Medallist University of Toronto.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, 4th April, 1871.

DEAR SIR,—I have no hesitation in re-affirming that for my success at U. C. College, and for my subsequent success in Univ. Coll., I am indebted to your thorough teaching. In Mathematics this is wholly so, as I made no advance from the time I left St. Mary's till I entered University College. With regard to Classics, it was the thorough grounding (which you were always accustomed to give in everything) in the Grammars, and Elementary Readers and Authors, which made the after-course so much easier.

With regard to the honours obtained, I gained *First Class* in all departments at Matriculation, and Scholarships in Classics, Mathematics and General Proficiency.

At First Year's Examination, I gained the same three Scholarships, with First Class honours in all subjects, except Natural Sciences.

At Second Year's Examination, I again obtained three Scholarships.

In Third Year, I gained the Scholarship in Classics.

In the College I had the prize for three years in Classics and two years in Mathematics.

I remain, faithfully yours,

W. DALE.

J. A. McLELLAN, M.A.

From A. Sinclair, B.A., Mathematical Gold Medallist Univ. of Toronto.

TORONTO, 4th April, 1871.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to yours of the 29th March, I may state that I received from you my preparatory training for the University; matriculated in 1864, and was successful in obtaining Second Class honours in

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History and First Class honours in Mathematics. I may also state that though I did not attend College during my first year, yet having been assisted by you, I obtained First Class honours in Mathematics for that year.

Yours, &c.,

A. SINCLAIR, B.A.,

University College.

J. A. McLELLAN, Esq., M.A.

From R. M. Fleming, Schol. Law Society, Ontario.

TORONTO, 10th April, 1871.

DEAR SIR,—As one of your “old boys,” I hold in grateful remembrance the time when I had the pleasure of being under your instructions, and I am now very much gratified at having an opportunity of testifying as to your merits as a teacher.

For several years I profited by your instructions, and during these years I acquired a sound knowledge of something more than the rudiments of a classical and general education. I may say further that whatever success I have obtained since leaving school, I attribute, in no small degree, to the mental discipline and habits of study acquired in your school. In 1864 I matriculated in Arts at the University of Toronto, and obtained first-class honors in Classics, English and History; and second-class honors in Mathematics. Circumstances prevented me from pursuing my course at the University, but for the last three years I have taken scholarships of the Law Society.

I was myself a teacher for several years, and have seen a great deal of schools and teaching, and I have no hesitation in saying that I never saw a more thorough teacher than yourself, particularly in the departments of Classics, Mathematics, and English Literature. I believe you have a critical knowledge of the ancient languages, and I can testify to your power of imparting knowledge to others. I know of no place where a boy could get so thorough a knowledge of classics as under your tuition.

I am, dear sir,

Yours truly,

R. M. FLEMING,

J. A. McLELLAN, Esq., M. A.

From D. Junor, Esq., M.A., Barrister, &c.

ST. MARY'S, 4th April, 1871.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to yours of 3rd inst., I have to say that I obtained honours in Classics and Mathematics at Matriculation, and at the First Year's Examination, honours in Classics, Mathematics, History, English and French. I have no hesitation in saying that what little success I met with was greatly owing to the training which I received from you while at the Grammar School here; and had I improved the excellent opportunities which I enjoyed from your able and earnest instruction, my success might have been far greater than it was.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours truly,

D. JUNOR.

J. A. McLELLAN, Esq., M.A.

From Rev. Robert Daniel, B.A.

BEDEQUE, P. E. I., 19th April, 1871.

Owing to the high reputation which Mr. McLellan enjoyed as a teacher when Principal of the Yarmouth Seminary, I left the University of King's College, Windsor, in which institution I was a student of the Second Year, for the purpose of being prepared by that gentleman for entrance into the Third Year in the Wesleyan University in Middletown, Ct. While under Mr. McLellan, I read Horace (Satires and Epistles), Juvenal and Plautus, Demosthenes, Sophocles and Euripides, besides works in Moral Philosophy and Mathematics. I have been under many Professors in different Universities, and I hesitate not to say that Mr. McLellan's superior as an educator I have never found; he possesses not only the ability to give, as I believe, a thorough scholastic training to his pupils, but that rarer power of inciting in them enthusiasm for the work in hand, of imparting nobler views of human life and destiny, and lasting veneration for the "True, the beautiful and the good." His students looked upon him as being not only their *teacher* but also their *friend*, and therefore they *respected* and *loved* him.

ROBERT DANIEL.

From Rev. J. W. Sparling, B. A., B. D.

HICK HALL,

EVANSTON, ILL., 8th April, 1871.

MY DEAR OLD TEACHER,—Your note addressed to me at Cobourg, reached me here in the West to-day, and it is with feelings of unmingled pleasure that I comply with your request.

I have passed all my examinations at the University of Victoria College, and am to take my degree of B. A. there at the next Convocation, on the 8th day of May. I have also nearly completed the course at Garrett Biblical Institute, and expect to take the degree of B. D. here, in the last week in June.

I have thus received instructions from quite a number of teachers and professors, both in Canada and the United States, and can conscientiously state that your superior as an Instructor *I have never had*. Having received instruction from you for more than two years, I know you to be *a most excellent teacher* in Classics, as well as in all the branches of study I was taking at that time.

Very truly yours,

J. W. SPARLING.

J. A. McLELLAN, M. A.,
U. C. College, Toronto.

From Rev. J. A. Durkee, of Acadia College, N. S.

ACADIA COLLEGE, N. S.

DEAR SIR,—The groundwork you laid when I was under your instruction, the power of grasping general principles, and the habits of independent thought which you developed, have done me invaluable service, especially in the *Classical* and Mathematical Departments; and without disparagement to my present Professors, who are able men, I have wished that I could have completed my course under you. My general standing on entering the University was second in the First Class.

J. A. DURKEE.

J. A. McLELLAN, M.A.

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